

The Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act authorizes Congress to approve veterans' medical care funding a year in advance in order to better anticipate and meet the demand for veterans health care services.

The advanced funding will give the VA up to one full year to plan for the most effective and efficient way of delivering medical care. If the Senate approves the bill, it will go to President Obama's desk to be signed into law.

"Our veterans, including the fifty thousand who live in the Ninth District, deserve the best service our nation can provide," said Congresswoman Kaptur. "They have served with honor and they deserve to be treated with dignity. This bill makes it easier to access VA's medical services so that our veterans have full access to quality health care."

Congresswoman Kaptur said the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act builds on a record of accomplishment by the 111th Congress on behalf of veterans, pointing to the new G.I. Bill, improvements at veterans hospitals and facilities, and expanded economic opportunities for returning soldiers.